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*Proposed  
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claims*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An erosion control system comprising:  
a flexible matting ~~having an upper surface and a lower surface structured to be secured to or placed on a sloped, substantially unvegetated surface, the matting including~~  
core layer formed of a fiber matrix comprising randomly oriented fibers, the fiber matrix forming a substantially flat upper surface and a substantially flat lower surface; and  
an upper layer bonded to the substantially flat upper surface of the core layer;  
the flexible matting being structured to control erosion of a substantially unvegetated sloped surface when the matting is placed on such an unvegetated sloped surface the upper surface of the matting having a substantially planar surface topography without substantial three dimensional features.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the matting has a density of at least about 0.5 pounds per square yard.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the matting has a density of at least about 0.7 pounds per square yard.
4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~upper surface of the~~ matting has a Mannings "N" value of roughness of less than about 0.044.
5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~upper surface of the~~ matting has a Mannings "N" value of roughness of about 0.026.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the flexible matting is structured to substantially prevent soil loss from the sloped, unvegetated surface when the surface is exposed to at liquid

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